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SUMMARY. MAJLES DEPUTY CALLS ON GOI TO DESCRIBE ITS CONDUCT IN HANDLING OF BOMB CASES. END SUMMARY.

1. PRESS APRIL 26 REPORTS TABRIZ MAJLES DEPUTY MOHSEN PEZESHKPOUR DEMANDED IN PARLIAMENT APRIL 25 THAT GOI EXPLAIN WHAT ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN FOLLOWING TWO BOMB EXPLOSIONS IN LEGAL OFFICES LAST WEDNESDAY (REF A). PEZESHKPOUR TABLED SERIES OF QUESTIONS ABOUT BOMB BLASTS INSISTING "AUTHORITIES ARE NOT ONLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF PEOPLE'S LIVES AND PROPERTY BUT FOR THEIR DIGNITY AND FREEDOM.". HE ASKED WHETHER GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN ANY ACTION TO DISCOVER DIRUPTIVE ELEMENTS BEHIND THE "UNDERGROUND COMMITTEE FOR REVENGE". PEZESHKPOUR ALSO WANTS GOI TO INDICATE WHAT COMMITMENTS AUTHORITIES HAVE MADE TO PREVENT OTHER ILLEGAL AND UNDESIRABLE THREATS TO GENERAL SECURITY.

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2. PEZESHKPOUR IS DEPUTY WHO TABLED MOTION AGAINST GOVERNMENT INTABRIZ RIOTS (REF B), AND EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT AT STORMY AND INFORMAL SESSION OF FEW MAJLES DEPUTIES WITH PRIME MINISTER DURING PAST WEEK, PEZESHKPOUR'S QUESTIONS SO IRRITATED PRIME MINISTER AMOUZEGAR THAT HE THREATENED TO HAVE HIM REMOVED FROM THE RESURGENCE PARTY TICKET FOR NEXT YEAR'S PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.

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3. PRESS CARRIED ORIGINAL PEZESHKPOUR CENSURE MOTION AND TEHRAN JOURNAL MADE STORY OF INQUIRY ITS DOMESTIC (THIRD-PAGE) LEAD. PRESS IN PAST FEW WEEKS HAS BEEN MORE WILLING ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS TO AT LEAST CONFIRM OTHERS' RAISING OF EMBARRASSING MATTERS.

4. TEHRAN JOURNAL APRIL 26 PUBLISHED COLUMN-LENGTH EDITORIAL ON QUESTION OF FREE EXPRESSION WHICH CRITICIZES WESTERN PRESS FOR "BLOWING UP INCIDENTS OUT OF PROPORTION". EDITORIAL NOTED "THE FLINE DIVIDING CONSTRUCTIVE EXPRESSION OF OPINION ON MATTERS OF NATIONAL EMPORTANCE AND NEGATIVE ATTITUDE, IGNORING THE MOST SHINING ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PAST FEW YEARS, IS INDEED VERY THIN.". EDITORIAL GOES ON TO SUGGEST THAT IN DEVELOPING COUNTRY, DEMONSTRATIONS, SOMETIMES VIOLENT, ARE UNDERSTANABLE. TEXT BEING POUCHED DEPARTMENT.
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